

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A packaging device for a cosmetic product, including comprising:

a cosmetic product;

at least one container forming at least one compartment in which said cosmetic product is directly or indirectly placed, ~~the device comprising:~~

at least one authentication element incorporated in said container, said authentication element incorporating at least one first chemical reagent capable, having a composition such that, when placed in contact with a second chemical reagent present on a counterpart authentication element, ~~of producing said first chemical reagent produces~~ a detectable change in the second chemical reagent on the counterpart authentication element,

~~wherein the second chemical reagent is chromogenic following contact with the first chemical reagent.~~

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that, following contact between the first chemical reagent and the second chemical reagent, the authentication element produces a visible ~~eeleur~~ color change locally.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that placement of the authentication

element in contact with the counterpart authentication element produces no visible change on the device.

Claim 20 (Original): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the first chemical reagent is encapsulated.

Claim 21 (Original): A device according to Claim 20, wherein the authentication element includes a third chemical reagent capable of breaking capsules enclosing the first chemical reagent.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the first chemical reagent is at least partially imprinted on a portion of the an external surface of the container device.

Claim 23 (Original): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the first chemical reagent is integral with a material forming all or part of the container incorporating said authentication element.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said authentication element is such as to reversibly adhere to the counterpart authentication element includes via an adhesive substance capable of adhering to the device in a reversible manner.

Claim 25 (Original): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the authentication element is on a receptacle constituting a secondary outer package indirectly containing said cosmetic product.

Claim 26 (Original): A device according to Claim 17, wherein the authentication element is on a receptacle constituting a primary package directly containing said cosmetic product.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that, as said second chemical reagent reacts, the second chemical reagent leads to the formation of an additional analyzable code.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that a combination formed by the first chemical reagent and the second chemical reagent is a unique chemical combination.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent is such that said detectable change is of a visual nature.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A kit separately comprising:

- i) a packaging device ~~according to Claim 17, comprising,~~
a cosmetic product;
at least one container forming at least one compartment in which said cosmetic product is directly or indirectly placed,

at least one authentication element incorporated in said container, said authentication element incorporating at least one first chemical reagent having a composition such that, when placed in contact with a second chemical reagent present on a counterpart authentication element, said first chemical reagent produces a detectable change in the second chemical reagent on the counterpart authentication element; and

ii) said counterpart authentication element incorporating said second chemical reagent which has a composition such that, when placed in contact with said first chemical reagent presented on said authentication element of the device, said second chemical reagent is modified in a detectable manner, and wherein the composition of the second chemical reagent is such that the second chemical reagent is chromogenic following contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A kit according to Claim 30, wherein said composition of said second chemical reagent is such that said second chemical reagent is visually modified when in contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): An authentication process for a packaging device for a cosmetic product, the process comprising the following steps:

providing a packaging device including a cosmetic product, at least one container forming at least one compartment in which said cosmetic product is directly or indirectly placed, and at least one authentication element incorporated in said container, said authentication element incorporating at least one first chemical reagent having a composition such that, when placed in contact with a second chemical reagent present on a counterpart

authentication element, said first chemical reagent produces a detectable change in the second chemical reagent on the counterpart authentication element;

- i) placing said authentication element of said packaging device according to Claim 17 in contact with said counterpart authentication element incorporating said second chemical reagent which, when in contact with the first chemical reagent present on the authentication element on the device, is modified in a detectable manner; and
- ii) detecting any change in the second chemical reagent present on the counterpart authentication element, the absence of change in the second chemical reagent indicating that the device is not authentic.

Claim 33 (Original): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the first chemical reagent is encapsulated, the counterpart authentication element being applied against the authentication element under conditions capable of causing the capsules containing the first chemical reagent to break.

Claim 34 (Original): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the counterpart authentication element is discarded when a change is detected.

Claim 35 (Original): A process according to Claim 32, wherein the second chemical reagent is visually modified when in contact with the first chemical reagent.

Claim 36 (New): A device according to Claim 17, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises a color developer.

Claim 37 (New): A device according to Claim 36, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises an organic acid.

Claim 38 (New): A device according to Claim 36, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises an organic acid selected from the group consisting of maleic, malonic, succinic, glutaric, adipic, tricarballylic, diglycolic, lactic, malic, tartaric and citric acids.

Claim 39 (New): A kit according to Claim 30, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises a color developer; and said second chemical reagent is a colorant former.

Claim 40 (New): A kit according to Claim 39, wherein said composition of said first chemical reagent comprises an organic acid selected from the group consisting of maleic, malonic, succinic, glutaric, adipic, tricarballylic, diglycolic, lactic, malic, tartaric and citric acids; and wherein said second chemical reagent is selected from the group consisting of a bisindolylphthalide compound, a aminofluorane compound, a phtalide compound, and a diaminofluorane compound.